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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial Nos. 1346

Part B for March 1927

SUBJECT

Possible Landing Ground sites in Indian States in connection with Civil Aviation

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

P.P. File No. 4 of 1927

Serial No.	
13	Precis Visit Secy of the Resident- Dc C/6/02/917 dt 17/7/28 Reminding the receipt of the Response re the possible Landing Ground sites in connection with Civil Aviation. For perusal. Naval Secretary (DO) R.K Dewan) 17/7/2 Seen - On view of the developments in Civil Aviation & Naval Secretary Select - Some Landing Site Near Pondicherry & Myso also - (DO) K.M. 19/7/28 Despatch (DO) Sd. M. G. 22/7/28 Draft - put - pc/. (DC) M.S.R. 23/7 Despatch (DC) R.R 24/7/28

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

WD 01714—GPB—30,000—18-4-28

Serial No.

14 No 333-4 / D 26.9.28

To The Dy Comrs of Bangalore & Mysore.

Requests them to collect infn re: possible Landing Grounds in the Vicinity of the two Cities, in Consultation with the Dt. Supts, if found necy and to furnish the same early.

15 Letter no D4-454 D 14.11.28 from the D.C. Mysore.

Furnishes infn in re: to the Suitability of the sites selected for the purpose and States that the Cost of acquisition & other details, will if required be intimated later on.

The report due from the D.C Bangalore will be awaited. He has been reminded on 14.11.28

D 15/11.

yes 16/11/28

16 From

The Dy Comr, Bangalore

No B5. 4178/28 D 29/9/28

forwarding the sketch of the landing ground site received from the Supt, Bangalore Dist, and requesting arrangements may be made for the inspection of the site by an officer in aviation.

WD 021—GPB—30,000—21-8-28

Serial No.

Sicb-2 for orders.

7/3/29 (Gen'l Secy)

4/3/29 Secy

I do not think we need
enter on any expert exn. All that
we need do is to give a list of
possible landing places. They are
free to have an expert exn before
deciding finally in the matter

3rd March

2/3/29 RB

Secy

Enclosure.

6/3/29

7/3/29 RB

Draft

7/3/29 Secy

9369/4/3

This may be kept in view when necessity
for a landing ground arises. In the meanwhile
this file, if agreed, will be recorded & sent to
Records (as no Reply is due to any Ministry)

7/3/29

Yes

7/3/29 Secy

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NOTE—Contn. sheet

CONFIDENTIAL No.C/6102/917

From,

A.C. Lothian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Resident in Mysore,

To,

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Myso..,
B a n g a l o r e .

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Received on
21. JUL. 1928
Reg. No. 504

Dated, Bangalore, 17th July, 1928.

Subject:- Possible Landing Ground Sites in Indian States in connection with Civil Aviation.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Headquarters, Royal Air Force, desire to thank the Government of Mysore for the Reports regarding possible landing ground sites in the State in connection with Civil Aviation, which were forwarded under their letter No.Pol.774 P.P.4-27-12, dated the 5th January, 1928.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

ISSUED.

333-4/PP 4-7-14.

To

The Deputy Commissioners of
Bangalore and Mysore Districts.

Sir,

In view of the developments in Civil Aviation, Government consider it desirable that some landing sites near Bangalore / Mysore should be selected. I am accordingly to forward herewith an explanatory note and the annexures attached thereto and to request you to kindly collect information regarding the possible landing ground sites in the vicinity of Bangalore / Mysore in consultation with the Executive Engineer if necessary and forward the same to Government as early as possible.

I have etc.,

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVT.

B.K.M.

PP.

No. D4-454/28

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

Dated Mysore, ...10th..November..1928

From

A. V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

To

R. Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalare.
(General Department)

SUBJECT:— Selection of ~~rites~~ for development of Civil Aviation - possible landing ground in the vicinity of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.334/P.P. 4-27-14 dated 26th July 1928, I have the honour to state that the following 5 places received consideration regarding their suitability for the above purpose.

1. The open ground to south of Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion beyond Bogadi Road,
2. Seringapatam - Maidan outside the fort.
3. Yelwal Residency compound.
4. Open ground on Banmur Road near Harohalli.
5. Thope beyong Ammanavarakola in Nanjanagud Road.

Regarding-:- 1. the Amildar, Mysore Taluk reports that it is not of the required dimensions.

2. The Amildar and Sub Division Officer Frenchrocks report that it is not of the required dimensions and does not answer all the requirements for a landing place for the air force.

3. The Amildar, Mysore Taluk reports that it is rugged and is partly covered with plantations and partly with lantanas.

4. The Amildar, Mysore Taluk reports that it is not sufficient unless some more land is acquired in Rampur, T. Narasipura Taluk.

5. The Amildar, Mysore reports that a little breadth is needed and is very near to the railway station.

P.T.O.

The executive Engineer, Mysore Division judging from all standpoints recommends that sites 3 & 5 are the only bits that can be made suitable for the purpose provided other arrangements are made for drinking water. He prefers site 5 as it is near to Mysore and I agree with him. The statement received from him is also enclosed in original. Further report, will, if required, be submitted, regarding the cost of acquisition and other details, after any of the two lands is decided upon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

M. S.

3 (d) Cost of making ground. Cost of making and Extensions	Rs 4000-0-0 — Nil —	Rs 4000-0-0 Rs 1000-0-0	Rs 3000-0-0 Rs 1000-0-0	more than Rs 10000-0-0 — No —	Rs 4000-0-0 Rs 1000-0-0
(e) Expected Yearly Cost of maintenance	Rs. 600-0-0	Rs 600-0-0	Rs 600-0-0	Rs 600-0-0	Rs 600-0-0
4 Taking over or Acquisition:-					
(a) Present Classification of ground: if army department land or ownership is not Military land.	Information to be filled in by the Revenue Department:-				
(b) Willings of department or owner to part with the land.					
(c) Cost of Acquision Rental etc.					
5 Accommodation:-					
(a) Machine	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) Personal	Nil	Nil	Residency Bungalow	Nil	Nil
(c) Medicine facilities	Mysore General Hospital	4.7 Dispensary at Srirangapatnam	Mysore General Hospital	Mysore General Hospital	Mysore General Hospital
6 Supplies:-					
(a) petrol + oil	Petrol Stored in Bank is available in any Quantity at Mysore in Sealed Cans. Oil also is available in sealed tins				
(b) Water	Mysore Town at a distance of 1½ miles	Cauvery River water close by	There is difficulty of Water drinking water	Cauvery River at a distance of 2½ miles	one Small well in the Ground Mysore Town at a distance of 1½ mi
(c) Repair facilities	Railway + Industrial workshop Mysore	—do— Mysore	—do— Mysore	—do— Mysore	—do— Mysore
7 Communications.					
(a) Railway	Mysore Rly Station about 2 miles	Srirangapatnam Rly Stn about 1 mile	Mysore Rly Stn about 12 miles	Mysore Station about 11 miles	Mysore Station about 7 miles
Road.	District Fund. Bogadi Road from Mysore town about 12 miles	State Fund. P.C. Road	Mysore Cheluvai about 12 miles State Fund	District Fund Bangalore Mysore Road 11 miles	State Fund. Bangalore Nilgiris 5 miles.

		Not fit for landing ground	—do—	—do—	—do—	—do—

8 (c) Telegraph
Meteorological :-

(a) prevailing wind
(b) Season for Rain, Dust Storms etc
(c) Other Meteorological data

} to be obtained from Meteorological Department.

7 Local Authority :-

(a) civil — Deputy Commissioner
(b) Military — do —

10 Arrangement for guard under peace conditions :- — Applications to be made to the District Magistrate

General Remarks — Not fit for landing ground on account of the Site fairly good. Total-all bit is fit for landing Site with

(d) Condition of surface	Undulating ground with No boulders. Good.	Undulating ground with steep slope towards West tending to form Scores + ruts outcrop of rock exist	Fairly level and sloping on all sides except South Boundary jungle grown all over	Loose stones - Scattered about projection of rocks irregular shaped + very undulating	Side long ground; good slo from west to North East + Sou
(e) Slope and drainage	North to East, West + South drainage	Good drainage	Drainage good.	Steep Slope, a adequate Drainage very good.	Drainage good.
(f) Possibilities of extension + work necessary	No possibilities of Extension	Extension possible N+S is properly levelled	Extension possible is little levelling is done	Not possibleas it involves too much Expenditure	possibility only towards N + S Earth work necessary for levelling Site
(g) Nature of Air approches	On the North Electric wires + avenue trees of 20 to 35' close to the area on the East is Hukkarahally feeder Channel + there are avenue trees 20 to 30' also a monument	On the West there is the irrigation Channel close to the area on the East	avenue trees on the West 20' to 30' height	On the West there is Channel there are no other obstructions	On the West there is the telephone line + also avenue tre of Bangalore Kilagiri Roa
(h) Nature of Surrounding Country	Consists cultivated fields;	Consists of Wet + dry fields	Dry fields round about	Consists of dry fields + garden lands	Consists of dry cultivat

No other obstructions within 200' of the boundary

No I Sub division

Mysore Division

Landing Ground Report Form No I

Sl No.	Sub Head	1	2	3	4	5
		The open ground to South of Jaya Laxmi Vilas Mansion beyond Bogadi Road	The Maidanout-Side the Fort of Seringapatam Island	Yelwal — Residency Compound	open ground on Bannur Road near Harohally	Dope beyond Ammanavara Kola in Nanjangud Road
1	—: Map Reference :—	Topo Sheet No 57	Topo Sheet No 57	Topo Sheet No 57	Topo Sheet No 57	Topo Sheet No 79
2	—: Position :—					
	(a) Latitude	N 12° - 18' - 0"	N 12° - 25' - 0"	N 12° - 21' - 0"	N 12° - 20' - 0"	N 12° - 14' - 0"
	(b) Longitude	E 76° - 40' - 0"	E 76° - 44' - 0"	E 76° - 35' - 0"	E 76° - 51' - 0"	E 76° - 42' - 30"
	(C) Nearest Cantonment Civil station Town etc and distance and direction from it	Bangalore Mysore City 1½ miles West of Mysore	Bangalore Mysore City 10 miles North of Mysore	Bangalore Mysore City 11 miles N.W. of Mysore	Bangalore Mysore City 10 miles East of Mysore	Bangalore Mysore City 4½ miles South of Mysore
3	Description					
	(a) Dimensions in various directions	East to West 450 Yards North to South 400 "	240 Yards 400 "	500 Yards 500 "	More than North 600 Yards 600 "	600 Yards 400 "
	(b) Height above mean Sea Level	2491 Ft	2338 Ft	2828 Ft	About 2319 Ft	About 2400 Ft
	(c) Nature of Soil	Red earth & gravelly Soil	Gravelly Soil	Gravelly Soil	Gravelly & Rock Soil	Gravelly Soil

as the air approaches are not good + no extension is possible

Steep nature of the ground + the rocky out-crops the Site is not at all suited for the purpose

+ may be selected for Landing but for the great difficulty for drinking water

It is a very rough bit of ground which it is not possible to bring to order

The area of 5 miles from Mysore city and State Bund road runs by the side of landing Site. There is possibility of extension so that the air approach obstructions can be avoided. Requires good lot of levelling up, to make the ground fit. Drinking water facilities are wanting.

Of all the above Sites No 3 + 5 are the only bits which can be made suitable for the purpose provide other arrangements are made for drinking water from mysore. Site 5 being nearer to mysore has to be preferred on this account

Assistant Engineer 26/9/24
No I Sub Division.

Executive Engineer 28/9/24
Sd Mysore.
11/9/25

G. R. S. G/33]

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Continuation sheet draft form.)

ISSUED.

No 3656/PP Date 14/7/29.

To

The D.C.

Bangalore

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to this Office letter No 333-4/PP 4-27-14 Q. 26.7.28 requesting you to collect information re: the possible landing ground sites in connection with Civil aviation, in the vicinity of Bangalore and to request the favour of an ~~immediate~~ a very early reply. As the question has been pending for a long time

Yours faithfully,

for

14/7/29

WD 2230—GPB—1,00,000—23-7-20

In all future communications please quote—
No. B-5-478/28-29
Enc. One Sketch & a report.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
BANGALORE DISTRICT.

Dated Bangalore the 27th February 1929

PP 4-27-14
CB 3253

FROM

G. B. HEBLIKAR, ESQ., B.A., LL.B.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

R. Ranga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
General Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

SIR,

~~Subject:~~—

With reference to your letter No.333/P.P.4-27-14 dated 26th July 1928 and in continuation of this office letter No.B-5-478/28-29 dated 21st October 1928, re the possible landing ground sites for Civil Aviation in the vicinity of Bangalore, I have th honor to submit herewith the sketch received from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore, together with a copy of Bangalore Sub-Divis Officer's report No.B-1-95/28-29 dated 17th February 1929. The Sub-Division Officer reports that it would be better if an expe in the aviation inspects the spot so as to enable to take furthe action with regard to the acquisition of the lands selected for the purpose. I therefore request that necessary arrangement may kindly be made for inspection of the spot by an expert in aviati

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G B Heblikar
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

L.S.R.

No.B-1-95/28-29
Enc.one file.

Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner.

The sketch received from the Executive Engineer is herewith submitted for perusal. It would be better if an expert in aviation inspects the spot so that further action about acquisition may be taken. I have seen both the areas and they appear to be suitable.

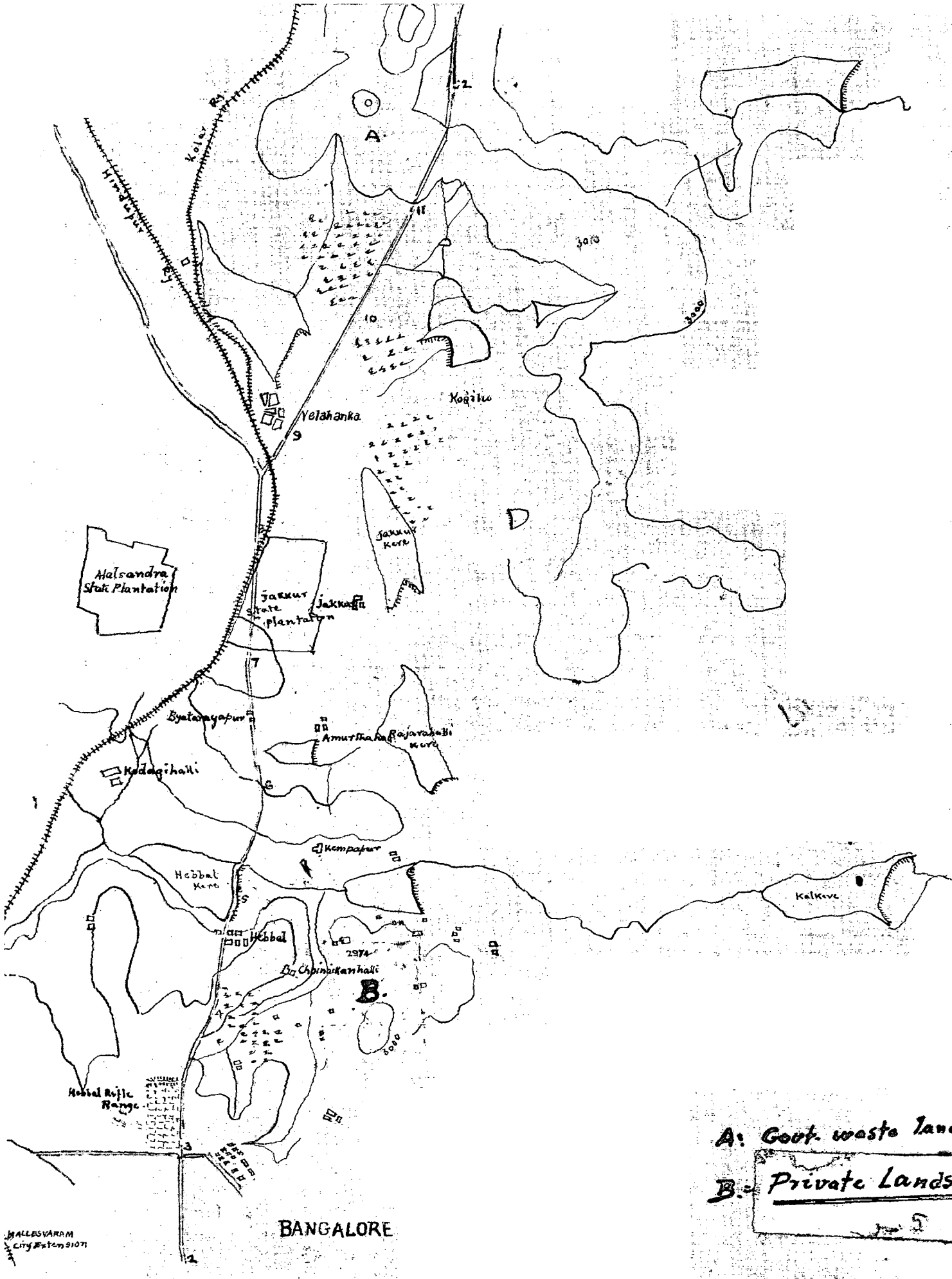
Sd/- T.AbdulKhader,

Sub-Division Officer,
17/2/1929.

"Copy"

For Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

L.S.R.



A: Govt. waste land with Shrub jungle.

B: Private Lands. -

Extract Tracing From Topo Sheet No. 57 G/12

Scale 1" = 1 mile.

M Ramaswamy
A. Engineer
2.10.28